

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Suffolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 21, 2013 to June 18, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOT/Federal Aviation Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Suffolk is proposing to remove trees, complete construction of a parallel taxiway, relocate the localizer antenna, and remove a portion of abandoned runway and taxiways in 2014. at the Suffolk Executive Airport (SFQ) in the City of Suffolk. Project activities associated with the proposed action include: constructing the remaining portion of a parallel taxiway (including taxiway lights) along the west side of Runway 4-22 involving grading and asphalt paving, which will result in approximately 4.31 acres of new impervious surface (approximately 35 feet x 4,600 feet); relocating the localizer antenna and localizer equipment shelter from the midfield area to 1,010 feet beyond the east end of Runway 4-22 to accommodate the parallel taxiway; constructing a 10-foot wide gravel access road to the new localizer site; developing new ditches on either side of the parallel taxiway to manage stormwater; removing approximately 1.3 acres of trees to include grading and grass seeding; demolishing a 1,110 square foot airport storage building within the existing 1.3 acres of trees; clearing approximately 55 acres of trees via silviculture; establishing three temporary staging (lay down) areas for the tree clearing and taxiway construction outside of all airport safety areas, object free areas, and airspace; and removing approximately 3 acres of abandoned runway and taxiways near the end of Runway 4. The obstruction removal portion of the proposed action includes the removal of approximately 55 acres of trees (both on and off airport property) within approximately 55 acres of forested wetlands through silviculture using the Virginia Department of Forestry's *Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality in Virginia Technical Manual* (Fifth Edition, 2011). Suffolk has submitted a Short Environmental Assessment (EA) Form for the project that includes a Federal Consistency Certification (FCC). The FCC finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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